

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2 line 13 and ending at line 19. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

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-Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 06-250088, for example, proposes a zoom lens composed of four lens units which sequentially have positive, negative (or positive), positive, and negative optical powers from an object as a zoom lens composed of four lens units to simultaneously realize both a reduction in size of an optical system and the improvement of optical performance.--

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 21, line 12 and ending at line 25. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

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-In the numerical examples, reference symbol  $r_i$  denotes a radius of curvature of an  $i$ -th surface in sequence from an object, reference symbol  $d_i$  denotes an interval between an  $i$ -th surface and an  $(i + 1)$ -th surface in sequence from the object, reference numerals  $n_i$  and  $v_i$  denote a refractive index and an Abbe number of an  $i$ -th optical material in sequence from the object, respectively,  $f$  denotes the focal length,  $F_{no}$  denotes the F number,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  denote aspherical surface coefficient,  $C_1-C_4$  denote phase coefficients,  $\phi_{Di}$  denotes the optical power obtained by the diffractive action of the diffractive optical surface of an  $i$ -th lens unit, and  $\phi_{Li}$  denotes the overall optical power of the  $i$ -th lens unit including the diffractive optical surface.--

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting and ending at page 26, line 4. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

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--  $r_2 = -78.108$        $d_2 = 0.15$  --.